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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

**DATE: 20 July 2011** 

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation** 

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room

68-1 Cranston, RI 02920

TIME: 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Christopher A. Duhamel, PE, PLS, Secretary Kazem Farhoumand, PE, Mr. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, Board Member and Mr. Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE, Board Member

**MEMBER ABSENT: Vice Chairman Wayne Moore** 

OTHERS PRESENT: Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant Brian Riggs, Administrator, Financial Management Stefani Goodenow, NCEES Credential Evaluations Manager CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Duhamel called the meeting to order at 9:07AM to commence Board business

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

(1) Acceptance of the 15 June 2011 minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Aldinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the 15 June 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent. Mr. Aldinger made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of the Executive Session of 15 June 2011. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

## (2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene into executive session.

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(3) Stefani Goodenow, NCEES Credentials Evaluations Manager
Ms. Goodenow, NCEES Credentials Evaluations Manager, was invited
by the Board to discuss the NCEES Credentials Evaluation

evaluation policy instituted by an NCEES advisor committee which was implemented in January of 2011. As Credentials Evaluations Manager, Ms. Goodenow evaluates Iran and Iraq since she is most familiar with these countries as well over seeing all other evaluations. Ms. Goodenow further explained that ABET accredited degrees do not need to be evaluated. Evaluations are required for Non-ABET accredited degrees. Secretary Farhoumand asked Ms. Goodenow about the cost of these evaluations. Ms. Goodenow informed the Board that the cost of a full evaluation is \$400 and a re-evaluation is \$250 for those applicants that were evaluated prior to January 2011.

Ms. Goodenow explained the development of a new

## **APPLICATIONS:**

(3) Board review lists for 20 July 2011

Chairman Duhamel placed all comity applications on hold until next month's meeting due to time constraint.

#### PE EXAMINTION:

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to admit the following individual to the October 2011 Professional Engineering examination. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

Harvey, Angela L.

(4) Applications are to be assigned to be reviewed at the 17 August

#### 2011 meeting

Chairman Duhamel assigned applications for review at the 17 August 2011 meeting.

### (5) C.O.A. APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Aldinger made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 20 July 2011 list for Sole Proprietorships, Corporations, Limited Liability, and Change in Responsible Charge, as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with no exceptions. None were denied. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

## (6) Paul White

Mr. White's requested that the Board change his discipline was the Civil to Structural. It was the Board's decision that Mr. White's application be further reviewed.

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(7) Bryan Ward

Reconsideration of Mr. Ward's application for registration by comity

was placed on hold for further review.

### (8) Abdulaziz Rahim

Reconsideration of Mr. Rahim's application for registration by comity was placed on hold for further review.

### (9) Steven R. Murray

Reconsideration of Mr. Murray's application for registration by comity was placed on hold for further review.

(10) Rhode Island Professional Engineering Rules and Regulations Review

Attorney DeQuattro contacted Chairman Duhamel regarding a change to the Rhode Island Professional Engineering Rules and Regulations regarding the requirement of a Notary Public's signature on all applications submitted to the Board for review.

## (11)Public Hearing

Chairman Duhamel informed the Board that the Department of Business Regulations (DBR) that a Public Hearing will be necessary to remove the need for notarization of all applications from the Board's Rules and Regulations.

(12) Discussion on suggested language from the PLS Board for Bill H5470

Mr. Aldinger presented two letters regarding suggested language

changes for Bill H5470. Secretary Farhoumand asked that this matter be tabled. The Board of Engineers plans to meet with the Board of Land Surveyors in September.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 17 August 2011 at 9:00AM. Mr. Ihenacho made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

Posted on August 18, 2011 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.

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#### **BOARD MEETING OF 20 JULY 2011**

LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS PAID COMMENTS

STANTEC ARCH. & ENGINEERING, LLC \$150 OK MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL

#### **CORPORATIONS**

ARORA ENGINEERS, INC. \$150 OK FIRE PROTECTION
RICHARD L. BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. \$150 OK CIVIL,
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL
CMA ENGINEERS, INC. \$150 STRUCTURAL
COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATES, INC. \$150 OK CIVIL
ENCLOS CORP, \$150 OK CIVIL & STRUCTURAL
MSE ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. \$150 OK CIVIL
OFFENBERG CONSULTING GROUP, INC. 0 OK CIVIL

COA#5746 JACKSON SURVEYING, INC. 0 OK ADDING CHAREE M. JACKSON OK

COA#,5739 POWER ENGINEERS, INC. 0 OK
REMOVING MARK CONROY AND JOHN MATTISON AND ADDING
ADAM DICE, JOSEPH DROUIN, JR., DENNIS JOHNSON, MICHAEL
JONES, TIMOTHY KAUTZ, PAMELA KELLEY AND HOLGER
PELLER

COA#5941 PAEP ARCH ENGINEERING 0 OK ADDING DAVID R. ERTMAN IN RESP. CHARGE

COA#5171 SIMPSON GUMPERTZ & HEGER, INC. 0 OK
SAL A. CAPOBIANCO, GREGGREY G. COHEN, BRENT A. GABBY,
MATTHEW H. JOHNSON, SUSAN L. KNACK-BROWN, RASKO J.
OJDROVIC AND THOMAS A. SCHWARTZ

COA#5438 TRO JUNG/BRANNEN, INC. 0 OK
REMOVING MARK JUSSAUME AND ADDING JAMES F. NEWTON

COA#5639 SYMMES MAINI & MCKEE ASSOC. 0 OK REMOVING MICHAEL K. POWERS AND CHAD SULLIVAN

COA#5242 WOODARD & CURRAN INC. 0 OK
REMOVING MICHAEL J. SCHRADER AND DAVID T. DALTORIO

COA #6057 EMCOR SERVICES-NEW \$50 OK
ENGLAND MECHANICAL NAME CHANGE TO NEW ENGLAND
MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.

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